

Our Mission

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

2006

The Council is a Governor-appointed body of people with developmental disabilities, family members and professionals who work together to promote the full inclusion of all people with disabilities in community life.

The Council's focus is on people with the most severe and multiple disabilities that originate and manifest before the age of 22 and who are likely to require lifetime support, however, the Developmental Disabilities Act allows the Council to reach people regardless of their disability label.

At least 60% of Council members are people with developmental disabilities and parents. The Council has 27 members.

The Council is a federal program that operates within state government as a state agency, however, the Council is not in state statutes and does not receive state funds.

The Council is entirely federally funded. Funding is based on a federal formula. The Council's federal allotment is \$684,377.

The Council's role is advocacy, capacity building and systems change. The Council is not a service provider.

The Council has 3 staff and an office located near the State Capitol in Hartford. About 70% of the Council's funds are used with grants to promote independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in the community. The Council is funding 7 initiatives:

- Connecting people to generic community associations

- "United We Ride" Transportation Coordination

- African Caribbean American parent support

- Kids As Self-Advocates

- CT Public Television video series

- Social Role Valorization (values-based) Training

- Disability Advocacy Collaborative



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2006 Initiatives

Inclusive Communities FAVARH, Canton	\$70,000
Inclusive Transportation United We Ride Transportation Coordination	\$50,000
Public Information and Education CT Public Television (CPTV), Hartford (2 years)	\$100,000
Self-Advocacy, Self-Determination and Parent Support Kids As Self-Advocates	\$40,000
African Caribbean American Parents, Hartford	\$50,000
Disability Advocacy Collaborative, Cromwell	\$50,000
Values-Based Training Social Role Valorization Implementation Project	\$11,000
Quality Assessment UConn Center for Survey Research and Analysis	\$15,000

\$386,000

